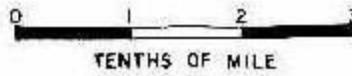


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DESOLATION POND
T8 R16, SOMERSET CO., MAINE

AREA 70 ACRES



DESOLATION POND

T8 R16, Somerset County
U.S.G.S. Allagash Pond, Me (7 1/2')

Fishes

Brook trout
Minnows
Blacknose shiner
Redbelly dace

Blacknose dace
Creek chub
Pearl dace

Physical Characteristics

Area - 74 acres

Maximum depth - 8 feet

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Temperatures:
Surface - 73⁰F
8 feet - 72⁰F

Although shallow in depth, this pond sustains a wild population of brook trout. During the warm summer months, trout have to concentrate in cool areas near the bottom in order to survive.

Desolation Pond has two small tributaries flowing into it, but the total spawning and nursery area in these is very limited. Most of the trout must spawn on springy areas of the pond itself.

There are other species of fish present in the pond, but all of these are small minnows. None of the minnows are abundant however, and the creek chub is the only one that might give the trout some competition.

The outlet is frequently obstructed by a beaver dam, which does more good than harm. The increased water is considered more valuable on this shallow pond than the free migration would be if the dam were removed.

Access is via private gravel roads built and maintained by large landowners for forest management purposes. A locked gate requires a walk of several miles to reach the pond.

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